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Docket No.: 06011/30226  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

  
In re Patent Application of:  
David L. Fosnaugh

Application No.: 07/699,479

Group Art Unit: 3724

Filed: May 13, 1991

Examiner: Stephen Choi

For: DIE-SHAPING APPARATUS AND PROCESS  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, the applicant, through his undersigned attorney, hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment and proceed to issue the patent in the above-referenced application without penalty to the applicant.

No terminal disclaimer or fee is believed to be required, as this petition is filed within two months of the mail date of the notice of abandonment. See M.P.E.P. 711.03(c) (I).

A notice of abandonment for failure to timely file corrected drawings in this application was issued April 16, 2007. However, applicant respectfully submits that the application is not in fact abandoned, as applicant timely filed corrected drawings by and within the three-month period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).

Submitted herewith are the following:

- (a) a copy of a Notice of Abandonment dated April 16, 2007 (Exhibit "A");
- (b) a copy of the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" dated December 22, 2006 (Exhibit "B");
- (c) a copy of the undersigned law firm's post card receipt (Exhibit "C") that properly identifies the "Drawings" were filed with a Certificate of Mailing on March 14, 2007, and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2007, both of which are within the three-month period set by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of March 22, 2007. As such, the postcard receipt provides *prima facie* evidence that the drawings were timely filed, i.e., filed by the three-month due date of March 22, 2007;
- (d) a copy of the "Submission of Drawings" dated March 14, 2007 (Exhibit "D"), which shows the drawings were timely filed with a Certificate of Mailing dated March 14, 2007, which is within the three-month period for reply, and a copy of the issue fee transmittal, which shows the issue fee was also timely paid on March 14, 2007; and
- (e) a declaration of Meggan F. Duffy, the undersigned attorney for this application stating that the corrected drawings were timely filed on March 14, 2007.

Applicant submits that the guidelines for granting a "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment" outlined in chapter 711.03(c)(I) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure have been satisfied. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f), this paper is timely filed, as it is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the notice of abandonment. No petition fee is required.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, acknowledgement of the active status of this application, and issuance of the patent for the above-referenced application.

Although the applicant believes that no other fees are due, the Director's designee is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner call its attorney at the number listed below.

June 7, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan F. Duffy", is written over a horizontal line.

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**Notice of Abandonment**

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This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_.
- (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
- (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$ \_\_\_\_.
- (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
- (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- (b) ☒ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



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nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$0	\$0	\$1400	03/22/2007

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. **THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

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## Determination of Patent Term Extension or Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed prior to June 8, 1995)

This patent application was filed prior to June 8, 1995, thus no Patent Term Extension or Adjustment applies.

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

07/699,479

Examiner

Stephen Choi

Applicant(s)

FOSNAUGH, DAVID L.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to a reply filed December 8, 2006.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,13,16,20-25,28,52-54,56,61,62 and 65.

☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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1. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application to include the proposed drawing correction filed on March 12, 1992 and the drawings appear to be informal. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-4504. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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**STEPHEN CHOI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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Examiner: S. Choi

**SUBMISSION OF DRAWINGS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of allowance mailed December 22, 2006, submitted herewith is one set (four sheets, seven figures) of drawings, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d), for filing in the above-identified patent application. Kindly substitute the enclosed drawings for the drawings submitted with the originally filed application.

Pursuant to the Examiner's Amendment/Comment, the attached drawings include the proposed drawing correction to Fig. 2 that was filed on March 10, 1992 and approved in a final office action dated July 27, 1992. More specifically, reference numeral E was changed to C, and reference numeral 40e was changed to 40c in Fig. 2 to correct two errors made at the time of filing the application. Replacement Sheet 2 reflects this approved drawing correction.

Dated: March 14, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

By *Meggan F. Duffy*  
Meggan F. Duffy

Registration No.: 46,674

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March 14, 2007	(Date)

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1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.

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1. Marshall,

2. Gerstein &

3. Borun LLP

3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

Franklin Electric Co., Inc.

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

Bluffton, Indiana

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☒ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

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☒ A check is enclosed.

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☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-2855 (enclose an extra copy of this form).

5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

NOTE: The Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if required) will not be accepted from anyone other than the applicant; a registered attorney or agent; or the assignee or other party in interest as shown by the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Authorized Signature Meggan F. Duffy

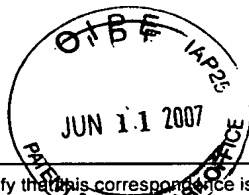
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.311. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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**DECLARATION OF MEGGAN F. DUFFY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Meggan F. Duffy, hereby declares as follows:

1. I am an attorney of law with the law firm Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and am a registered practitioner before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "PTO") with Registration Number 46,674.
2. I am an attorney responsible for prosecuting the above-referenced application (the "application").
3. My firm received a notice of abandonment dated April 16, 2007, in this application. The notice was for failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
4. However, corrected drawings were timely submitted within the three-month time period, i.e., by March 22, 2007. A copy of a postcard receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and properly identifies that the "Drawings" were filed with a Certificate of Mailing on March 14, 2007 and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2007, both of which are within the three-month period of March 22, 2007.

5. A copy of the "Submission of Drawings" dated March 14, 2007, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" further shows the drawings were timely filed with a Certificate of Mailing dated March 14, 2007, which is within the three-month period for reply.

6. As clearly shown from the accompanying petition and attachments, the corrected drawings were timely filed by the applicant; therefore, the holding of abandonment must be withdrawn without any penalty to the applicant.

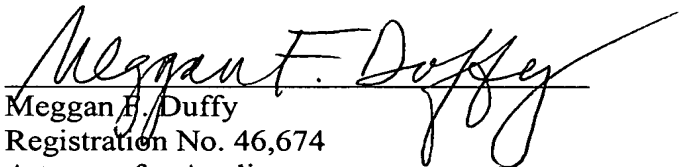
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Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of allowance mailed December 22, 2006, submitted herewith is one set (four sheets, seven figures) of drawings, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d), for filing in the above-identified patent application. Kindly substitute the enclosed drawings for the drawings submitted with the originally filed application.

Pursuant to the Examiner's Amendment/Comment, the attached drawings include the proposed drawing correction to Fig. 2 that was filed on March 10, 1992 and approved in a final office action dated July 27, 1992. More specifically, reference numeral E was changed to C, and reference numeral 40e was changed to 40c in Fig. 2 to correct two errors made at the time of filing the application. Replacement Sheet 2 reflects this approved drawing correction.

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